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Child Star
by Brian "Box" Brown

Child star Owen Eugene had it all: a hit sitcom on prime time, a Saturday morning cartoon, and a memoir on the bestseller list. The secret to his success was his talent for improvisation . . . and his small size. On screen he made the whole world laugh, but behind the scenes his life was falling apart. Hollywood ate him alive.

Inspired by real-life child stars, Brian Box" Brown created Owen Eugene, a composite character whose tragic life is an amalgam of 1980s pop culture. In this fictional documentary-style graphic novel, we see how growing up in the spotlight robs young actors of a true childhood.

Author Bio

Box Brown is an Ignatz Award - winning cartoonist, illustrator, and comic publisher from Philadelphia. His books include the New York Times - bestselling "Andre the Giant: Life and Legend" and Tetris. Box Brown's independent comics publishing house, Retrofit Comics, was launched in 2011.
START YOUR ENGINES, friends, as we hit the road again with Taako, Magnus and Merle, the beloved agents of chaos from the #1 New York Times Bestselling books The Adventure Zone: Here There Be Gerblins and The Adventure Zone: Murder on the Rockport Limited.

Our boys have gone full-time at the Bureau of Balance, and their next assignment is a real thorny one: apprehending The Raven, a master thief who's tapped into the power of a Grand Relic to ransack the city of Goldcliff. Local life-saver Lieutenant Hurley pulls them out of the woods, only to throw them headlong into the world of battle wagon racing, Goldcliff's favorite high-stakes low-legality sport and The Raven's chosen battlefield. Will the boys and Hurley be able to reclaim the Relic and pull The Raven back from the brink, or will they get lost in the weeds?

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The Adventure Zone: Petals to the Metal
by Clint McElroy and Griffin McElroy, illustrated by Carey Pietsch

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Notes

Promotion
Painstakingly researched and exquisitely illustrated, *Stuck Rubber Baby* is a groundbreaking graphic novel that draws on Howard Cruse’s experience coming of age and coming out in 1960s Birmingham, Alabama.

As a young gay man leading a closeted life in the 1960s American South, Toland Polk tries his best to keep a low profile, until he finds himself unexpectedly drawn to a lively community of civil rights activists, folk singers, and night club performers. Emboldened by his new friends, he joins local protests and even finds the courage to venture into a gay bar. No longer content to stay on the sidelines, Toland takes a stand against bigotry. But in Clayfield, Alabama, that can be dangerous - even deadly.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, this rich and moving tale of identity and resistance is back in print - complete with unpublished archival material and a behind-the-scenes look at the author's creative process.

**Author Bio**

Howard Cruse's career as an underground cartoonist was launched during the 1970s in underground comix, and in 1980 he served as the founding editor of the groundbreaking Gay Comix series. His comic strip Wendel was serialized in *The Advocate* through much of the 1980s. *Stuck Rubber Baby*, his most widely known work, was the winner of Eisner and Harvey Awards in the U.S. and (in translation) a Comics Critics Award in Spain, a Luchs Award in Germany, and a Prix de la critique at the International Comics Festival in Angouleme, France. The graphic novel was also honored with a Transformative Work Award in 2017 at CXC (Cartoon Crossroads Columbus). He has also provided humorous illustrations for numerous mainstream magazines.
Unrig
How to Fix Our Broken Democracy
by Daniel G. Newman, illustrated by George O’Connor

Despite our immense political divisions, Americans are nearly united in our belief that something is wrong with our government: It works for the wealthy and powerful, but not for anyone else. Unrig exposes the twisted roots of our broken democracy and highlights the heroic efforts of those unrigging the system to return power to We the People.

This stirring nonfiction graphic novel by democracy reform leader Daniel G. Newman and artist George O’Connor takes readers behind the scenes - from the sweaty cubicles where senators dial corporate CEOs for dollars, to lavish retreats where billionaires boost their favored candidates, to the map rooms where lawmakers scheme to handpick their voters. Unrig also highlights surprising solutions that limit the influence of big money and redraw the lines of political power.

If you’re overwhelmed by negative news and despairing for the direction of our country, Unrig is a tonic that will restore your faith and reveal the path forward to fix our broken democracy.

Author Bio

George O’Connor is the New York Times-bestselling author of the Olympians, the ongoing series of graphic novels featuring the tragic, dramatic, and epic lives of the Greek gods.
His first graphic novel, Journey into Mohawk Country, pushed the boundaries of the genre as it used as its sole text the actual historical journal of the seventeenth-century Dutch trader Harmen Meyndertsz van den Bogaert. He also illustrated acclaimed playwright Adam Rapp’s Ball Peen Hammer.
George is also the creator of popular picture books such as the New York Times-bestselling Kapow! and If I Had A Triceratops. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Daniel G. Newman is a national expert on government accountability and money in politics. He is President and Co-Founder of MapLight, a nonpartisan nonprofit that promotes transparency and political reform. Newman has appeared in hundreds of media outlets, including CNN, CBS, MSNBC, FOX Business News, and NPR. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.